(xvi) Grant of High Altitude (Uncongenial Climate) (HAUC) allowance at enhanced rates to troops deployed in more difficult, hazardous isolated areas within the existing HAUC areas.

(xvii) Under the Married Accommodation Project, houses are being built at different Stations to improve the availability of family accommodation.

Objective of NREGA remains unfulfilled

*151. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the objective of NREGA to eradicate poverty still remains unfulfilled since operationalising in February, 2006;

(b) whether Government are aware that provision of drinking water, sheds to children of the labourers and first aid is nowhere in sight; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The basic objective of NREGA is to enhance the livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. NREGA as a wage employment programme has been able to generate 90.51 crore person days of employment in 200 districts in 2006-07 of which the largest share of benefits has been to the SC/ST /women beneficiaries. The works taken up under NREGA also aim at strengthening the natural resource base of rural livelihood. Thus, by augmenting wage employment opportunities and creating durable assets in rural area NREGA is able to alleviate some aspects of poverty. During the year 2006-07, a total of about 2.12 crore households demanded employment out of which 2.10 crore were provided employment. 90.51 crore person days of employment was generated out of which 22.95 crore (25.36%) were SC, 32.99 crore (36.45%) ST families and 36.79 crore (40.65%) for women. A total of 8.35 lakh works were taken up out of which 3.87 lakhs works were completed during the year 2006-07. A state-wise status report of implementation of the Act for the year 2006-07 is at Statement *(See* below).

(b) and (c) Para 27 of Schedule II of the NREG Act provides that the facilities of safe drinking water, shade for children and periods of rest, first-aid box with adequate material for emergency treatment for minor injuries and other health hazards connected with the work being performed shall be provided at the work site. Accordingly States are taking action to provide these facilities. The administrative expenditure of NREGA, out of which the worksite expenditure is met, has been enhanced from 2% to 4% to enable states to provide for worksite facilities.

Statement

State-wise status report of implementation of Act for the year 2006-07

Sl. No.	States	No. of households who have demanded employment	No. of households provided employment	Persondays In Lakhs					Works Ongoing	Works Completed	Total Works
				Total	SCs	STs	Women	Others			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Andhra Pradesh	2161494	2161395	678.77	202.41	88.31	371.93	388.05	133727	87571	221298
2	Arunachal Pradesh	16926	16926	4.53	0	4.53	1.36	0	99	397	496
3	Assam	798179	792270	572.92	49.57	265.05	181.43	258.3	5889	9518	15407
4	Bihar	1708610	1688899	596.87	281	19.13	103.72	296.74	321.22	29759	61881
5	Gujarat	226269	226269	100.48	7.07	64.57	50.44	28.84	5292	3137	8429
6	Haryana	50765	50765	24.12	14.48	0	7.38	9.64	667	985	1652
7	Himachal Pradesh	67187	63514	29.9	9.09	6.7	3.66	14.11	4004	4722	8726
8	Jammu and Kashmir	121328	121328	32.3	1.75	7.5	1.44	23.05	1236	722	1958
9	Karnataka	548532	545185	222.01	73.37	45.18	112.24	103.46	7638	11005	18643
10	Kerala	104927	99107	20.48	4.12	2.54	13.44	13.82	285	2756	3041
11	Madhya Pradesh	2866349	2866349	1971.77	312.96	959.05	852.53	699.76	86610	82548	169158

12	Maharashtra	353024	353024	159.28	25.79	65.12	59.05	68.37	5568	5324	10892
13	Manipur	18568	18568	18.57	0	18.57	9.45	0	714	901	1615
14	Meghalaya	99177	96627	24.22	0.07	20.14	47	4.01	2074	850	2924
15	Mizoram	52478	50998	7.85	0	7.85	2.62	0	47	216	263
16	Nagaland	27884	27884	13.08	0	13.08	3.92	0	4	124	128
17	Orissa	1407251	1394169	799.34	189.06	393.87	284.58	216.41	32718	18803	51521
18	Punjab	31788	31648	15.57	10.8	0	5.88	4.77	579	749	1328
19	Rajasthan	1175172	1175172	998.87	159.5	642.9	670.68	196.47	13278	8771	22049
20	Sikkim	4179	4107	2.42	0.02	2.38	0.6	0.03	55	103	158
21	Tamil Nadu	683708	683481	182.79	102.48	4.34	148.27	75.97	4506	2213	6719
22	Tripura	74800	74335	50.13	7.98	31.17	37.6	10.98	867	4115	4982
23	Uttar Pradesh	2676261	2573245	822.91	467.82	25.62	136.21	329.46	32516	42984	75500
24	West Bengal	3235360	3083757	440.08	158.78	81.88	80.46	199.42	18780	24281	43061
25	Chhattisgarh	1282794	1256737	700.21	84.08	318.98	275.29	297.15	16358	16105	32463
26	Jharkhand	1394108	1394108	520.47	122.19	209.7	205.46	188.59	39767	24048	63815
27	Uttranchal	134363	134312	40.6	10.84	0.57	12.37	29.19	2827	4426	7253
	TOTAL:	21188894	21016099	9050.56	2295.24	3298.73	3679	3456.6	448227	387133	835360